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I don't agree with the Microsoft Settlement. I have been dogged and obstructed from doing my job as a process instrumentation and control engineer since 1994 by Microsoft's strangle hold on the computer industry. I have struggled with OEM e.g. Dell, Gateway, Micron, Compaq, and IBM to get computers pre-loaded with other operating systems other than Microsoft, and have repeatedly been told we can't supply anything else. I have asked for OEMs to provide systems without Microsoft Windows e.g. no operating system at all, and have been told I must purchase the systems with Microsoft Windows whether I wanted it or not. So I end up paying for something I didn't want, need, and couldn't use to do the job I was assigned to do. To get around this situation I had to build my own computers and load the desired operating system to do the job. However, there was still an issue with finding software to run on other operating systems other than Microsoft Windows, everybody is writing software for Microsoft Windows. I DON'T AGREE WITH THE MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT! What should be done is to take the money from Microsoft that they obtained illegally through their monopoly power and use it for consumer education about computer operating systems choices, foster development of software for other operating systems, make OEMs provide choices of operating systems to the consumer and disclose to them their capabilities.